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In re Application of:

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METHOD FOR MAKING BIOCHIP
SUBSTRATE

Serial No. 10/020,747

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicants hereby submit an amendment to the specification and
request that the amendment be considered and entered, without prejudice, prior to
the first Office Action on the merits.

In the specification:


On page 11, lines 12 to 14, kindly delete the drawing and the text
"Figure 1: coating device".

REMARKS

Applicant inadvertently printed an informal drawing of a coating device on page 11 of the application. The specification is devoid of a Brief Description of the Drawings section and the text makes no reference to Figure 1. Removal of the drawing would not be new matter, nor would it create grounds for rejection under Section 112. Deletion of the drawing is respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the change made to the specification by the current preliminary amendment. The attached page(s) is captioned "Version With Markings To show Changes Made."

Respectfully submitted,



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The drawing and text beginning on page 11, lines 12-15 have been deleted.